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REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows :

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| State, County, Town and School taxes, for the year 1871, | \$18,511 64 |
| Dog tax for the year 1871, | 119 00 |
| Special District tax, Dis. No. 3, | 900 00 |
| " " " " " 4, | 315 00 |
| " " " " " 1, | 25 13 |
| " " " " " 10, | 4,125 74 |
| " " " " " 12, | 29 70 |
| Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1871, | 1,736 80 |
| Uncollected taxes as per report of 1871, | 2,741 33 |
| Money hired of Judith M'Clough, | 500 00 |
| " " " Savings Bank, | 700 00 |
| " " " Hiram Fellows, | 200 00 |
| Received of Lannier's Dramatic Co., | 8 00 |
| City of Portsmouth, for support of Brewster family, | 103 23 |
| Lannier's Dramatic Co., | 24 00 |
| Interest of money loaned, | 24 28 |
| Savings Bank tax, | 938 45 |
| Railroad, | 3,462 29 |
| Literary Fund, from State, | 173 70 |
| County for support of paupers, | 646 28 |
| A. M. Stewart, | 42 05 |
| C. T. Call, labor off Town Farm | 70 00 |
| | _____ |
| | \$35,396 62 |

The Selectmen claim an allowance as follows :

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Paid outstanding accounts, | \$292 41 |
| Notes and interest, | 3,559 60 |
| Coupons, | 2,268 00 |
| Town expenses, | 1,049 53 |
| Roads and bridges, | 2,441 75 |
| Republican bridge, | 286 62 |
| Support of County paupers, | 646 28 |

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| External poor. | 543 15 |
| Incidental expenses, | 402 84 |
| N. H. Insane Asylum, | 539 28 |
| State tax, 1871, | 4,830 00 |
| County | 2,669 90 |
| Support of schools and special district taxes, | 8,235 18 |
| Fire department, | 660 79 |
| Town Farm, | 455 82 |
| Superintending School Committee, | 60 50 |
| Abatement of taxes, 1870, | 364 94 |
| " " " 1871. | 325 36 |
| Discounts on taxes, | 611 32 |
| Non-resident Highway receipts, | 36 15 |
| Outstanding taxes of 1868, | 244 89 |
| " 1871, | 2,709 65 |
| | |
| Cash in hands of A. Proctor, Town Treasurer, | \$33,233 96 |
| | 2,162 66 |
| | |
| | \$35,396 62 |

TREASURERS' REPORT.

A. PROCTOR, Treasurer.

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PAID OUTSTANDING BILLS.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Paid Pike & Blodgett, bill of 1870, | \$20 00 |
| Alfred Clark, water trough, | 3 00 |
| E. Eastman, wood for Lucy Moody, | 7 00 |
| Hiram Shaw, labor on road, | 2 00 |
| B. F. Wells, board of John Wells. | 27 00 |
| C. E. F. Davis, damage to horse. | 75 00 |
| J. G. Carlton, rep'g engine, | 4 45 |
| E. Wyatt, sheep killed. | 10 00 |
| G. C. Ward, " " | 12 00 |
| A. D. Davenport, sheep killed, | 10 00 |
| Dr. D. C. Burleigh, contract, 1870. | 20 00 |
| Elbridge Smith, sheep killed, | 4 50 |
| Charles Smith, .. | 3 60 |
| H. B. Ingalls, .. | 5 00 |
| J. M. Fellows, .. | 10 00 |
| Alfred Gile, special tax, Dis. No. 12. | 37 86 |
| Ed. Judkins, police officer, 1870. | 12 50 |

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| J. C. Burpee, " | " " | 12 50 |
| A. C. Thompson, breaking roads, 1869, | | 2 00 |
| Rev. B. Wheeler, S. School Com., 1871, | | 14 00 |
| | | ----- |

\$292 41

COUPONS.

| | | |
|------------------|--|------------|
| By paid coupons. | | \$2,268 00 |
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TOWN EXPENSES.

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|--|--|---------|
| Paid Gordon Burleigh, Selectman, 1870-1, | | \$18 00 |
| Alexis Proctor, " " | | 16 50 |
| Ira Greeley, Assessor, 1871, | | 42 50 |
| John H. Rowell, " " | | 40 00 |
| Morrill & Silsby, invoice books and highway surveyors' lists, | | 10 40 |
| O. B. Davis, horse hire for selectmen, | | 5 50 |
| " " " " police, | | 16 25 |
| " " board of G. Burleigh, 1870, | | 7 13 |
| " " collecting taxes on list of 1870, | | 31 24 |
| Walter Sargent, police officer, | | 35 00 |
| Hiram Fellows, services as selectman, | | 73 00 |
| " " pauper expenses, | | 48 00 |
| " " ex. perambulating town lines | | 7 00 |
| " " soldiers' bounty expenses, | | 35 30 |
| Barnard & Sanborn, bill 1870-1, | | 83 70 |
| Albert G. Morrison, services as selectman, | | 169 77 |
| Alexis Proctor, " " " | | 148 00 |
| " " " Town Treasurer, | | 45 00 |
| O. B. Davis, collecting taxes 1871, | | 217 24 |

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

| | | |
|--|--|--------------------|
| Paid B. M. Prescott, plank for Daniell bridge, | | \$76 97 |
| Louisa Fifield, as per vote of town, | | 40 ^c 00 |
| Ira Greeley, labor on road, | | 3 50 |
| A. McGlaughlin, " " | | 16 25 |
| John Pevere, " " | | 19 81 |
| Taylor & Pike, special road tax, | | 100 00 |
| " " " " " " | | 300 00 |
| John Collins, labor on road, | | 15 65 |
| A. G. Morrison, plank, | | 14 29 |
| Francis Shaw, labor, | | 13 60 |
| Taylor & Pike, special tax, | | 266 60 |
| Hiram Shaw, labor, | | 5 00 |

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| F. H. Aiken, land damage, | 3 00 |
| Franklin Falls Co., " | 50 00 |
| Royal Stone " | 33 00 |
| Taylor & Pike, special tax, | 150 00 |
| T. D. Burleigh, new streets, | 75 00 |
| E. How, land damage, | 27 00 |
| A. G. Morrison, plank, | 14 53 |
| J. E. Scribner, ab't of highway tax on his list, | 24 87 |
| Taylor & Pike, special tax, | 183 40 |
| A. G. Morrison, plank, | 23 97 |
| John F. Leighton, labor, | 21 00 |
| A. McGlaughlin, " | 10 00 |
| Hiram Fellows, " | 11 30 |
| T. D. Burleigh, new streets, | 100 00 |
| " " " " | 50 00 |
| Hiram Shaw, labor, | 8 00 |
| Moses S. Morse, labor, | 10 00 |
| A. H. Gove, stone and labor. | 21 00 |
| T. D. Burleigh, new streets, | 200 00 |
| A. McGlaughlin, labor, | 5 75 |
| A. G. Morrison, lumber, | 1 34 |
| W. F. Thompson, lumber, | 93 18 |
| Robert Colby, land damage and labor. | 10 00 |
| Hiram Shaw, labor on bridge, | 1 25 |
| Francis Shaw, labor on road. | 3 00 |
| R. T. Tay, breaking roads, | 9 00 |
| J. H. Rowell, plank to R. Pevere, | 25 29 |
| Hiram Fellows, labor, | 51 00 |
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| | \$2,441 55 |

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

1871.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid John Collins, for E. Holton, | \$15 68 |
| J. W. Thompson, for J. B. Clay, | 11 00 |
| D. Gilechrist, " " | 6 50 |
| " " E. Holton, | 10 00 |
| " " Huse Austin, | 3 00 |
| Horace Judkins, " Amos Floyd, | 30 00 |
| L. Richardson & Co., for E. Holton, | 3 50 |
| " " J. B. Clay, | 9 14 |
| J. W. Thompson, " | 2 00 |
| " " | 3 00 |
| " " | 75 |

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| Hiram Fellows, transient pauper, | 10 00 |
| Dr. D. C. Burleigh, Moses Danforth, | 5 50 |
| Dr. L. M. Knight, Miss Prescott, | 12 00 |
| J. W. Rowe, for Miss Prescott, | 16 50 |
| Dr. L. M. Knight, Mrs. R. Stevens, | 21 25 |
| " George Stevens. | 52 50 |
| Dr. D. C. Burleigh, " | 1 75 |
| D. Gilchrist & Co., Dan'l Huntoon, | 15 00 |
| " John Wallace, | 3 50 |
| " Moses Danforth | 22 71 |
| " J. B. Clay, | 11 75 |
| Dr. D. C. Burleigh, Oliver Danforth, | 19 50 |
| Hiram Fellows, for Huse Austin, | 5 00 |
| N. O. Burleigh, " Comfort Taylor, | 65 00 |
| Horace Judkins, " Amos Floyd, | 48 00 |
| Dr. A. Durkee, for J. B. Clay, | 20 00 |
| " Lydia Davis, | 5 25 |
| " John Wallace, | 4 75 |
| J. B. Smith, for Lydia Davis, | 4 00 |
| Sargent Bennett, for Moses Danforth, | 13 00 |
| Dr. L. M. Knight, for James Judkins, | 6 50 |
| " John Wallace, | 7 75 |
| " Lydia Davis, | 19 00 |
| " Cochran Child, | 13 00 |
| " Comfort Taylor, | 14 00 |
| " Charles Stevens, | 4 00 |
| " Moses Danforth, | 56 00 |
| " J. B. Clark and wife, | 32 00 |
| " E. Holton, | 20 50 |
| D. E. Brown, for R. Kimball, | 15 00 |
| O. B. Davis, for transient paupers, | 7 00 |
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| | \$646 28 |

EXTERNAL POOR.

1871.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Paid B. F. Wells, board of John Wells, | \$12 00 |
| Henry Bacon, | 40 00 |
| B. F. Wells, board of John Wells. | 10 00 |
| Caroline Thompson, for Mrs. Brewster, | 50 00 |
| Dr. L. M. Knight, " " | 27 00 |
| Dixie Crosby, Lucy Moody, | 3 00 |
| Town of Bow, support of Mrs. Ash, | 31 00 |
| Abigail Moody, for Lucy Moody, | 10 00 |

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| B. F. Wells, for John wells, | 2 90 |
| Town of Bow, for Mrs. Ash, | 32 75 |
| Joseph Brown, " Lucy Moody, | 72 53 |
| J. H. Scribner, " " " | 7 00 |
| A. G. Morrison, " " " | 13 75 |
| Dr. L. M. Knight, " " " | 29 50 |
| D. Gilchrist & Co., for D. Newton, | 4 37 |
| F. B. Shaw, for Lucy Moody, | 3 75 |
| D. Gilchrist & Co., for E. L. Merrill, | 11 29 |
| J. H. Cilly, Coffin for Mrs. Brewster, | 13 75 |
| L. Richardson & Co., for D. Newton, | 3 50 |
| " " " Lucy Moody, | 20 23 |
| J. W. Thompson, for Printice Buswell, | 16 48 |
| G. C. Proctor, for Lucy Moody, | 11 08 |
| L. Kelley, for Lucy Moody. | 6 79 |

1871.

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|--|-------|
| Dr. D. C. Burleigh, for Sarah Elkins, | 1 25 |
| " " Lucy Moody, | 1 50 |
| " " Daniel Newton, | 10 00 |
| " " R. Kimball, | 5 00 |
| Dr. Knight, for John Wells, | 23 09 |
| " " D. Newton, | 33 00 |
| Joseph Brown, for Lucy Moody. | 10 84 |
| H. K. Thompson, Coffin for Mrs. Moody. | 15 00 |
| Susan W. Stone, robe for Lucy Moody, | 3 64 |
| D. Gilchrist, " " " | 7 16 |

\$543 15

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

1871.

| | |
|--|--------|
| Paid F. M. Calley, printing reports, 1871. | 870 00 |
| " " blanks, | 11 75 |
| E. S. Philbrick, police officer. | 19 50 |
| A. G. Morrison, telegram, | 60 |
| F. M. Calley, school laws, | 17 50 |
| O. B. Davis, damage to horse, | 225 00 |
| L. Richardson & Co., rope for clock, | 5 61 |

1872.

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| F. H. Daniell, Insurance Engine, No. 1, | 11 63 |
| A. G. Morrison, wood for Town Hall, | 9 00 |
| B. M. Merrill, Insurance Engine House, No. 3, | 12 00 |
| B. C. Cate, damage account, defect in highway, | 7 00 |
| Alfred Clark, water trough, | 3 00 |

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| O. B. Davis, tax bills, | 7 25 |
| " water trough, | 3 00 |
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| | \$402 84 |

TOWN FARM.

1871.

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|--|---------|
| Paid D. Gilchrist & Co., supplies, | \$39 58 |
| Hiram Fellows, expenses to Plainfield, | 12 25 |
| L. Richardson & Co., supplies, | 47 60 |
| Jewell & Johnson, meal, | 23 99 |

1872.

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| Dr. D. C. Burleigh, John Wells, | 3 00 |
| " " " " " | 3 50 |
| John H. Rowell, sawing lumber, | 7 05 |
| C. T. Call, to pay bills, | 131 85 |
| " " salary, | 175 00 |
| Dr. Porter, for John Wells, | 12 00 |
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| | \$455 82 |

STATE TAX

1871.

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Paid State Treasurer tax 1871, | \$4,830 00 |
| County " " " | 2,669 90 |
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| | \$7,499 90 |

N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

1871.

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Paid for board of E. E. Merrill, | \$52 97 |
| Annie Thorn, | 51 67 |
| E. E. Merrill, | 57 80 |
| Annie Thorn, | 63 05 |
| Sarah Haines, | 48 95 |

1872

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|----------------|----------|
| " " " | 31 30 |
| E. E. Merrill, | 67 90 |
| Annie Thorn, | 55 80 |
| " " " | 56 40 |
| E. E. Merrill, | 53 44 |
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| | \$539 28 |

SCHOOLS.

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|--------------------------------|----------|
| L. D. Stevens, District No. 1, | \$190 48 |
|--------------------------------|----------|

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| “ “ special tax. | 25 13 |
| | 215 61 |
| H. Shaw, No. 2. | 99 44 |
| A. M. Stewart, No. 3. | 879 83 |
| “ “ special tax. | 400 00 |
| | 1,279 83 |
| J. M. Fellows, No. 4., school money. | 65 00 |
| J. W. Simonds, special tax, for repairs. | 300 00 |
| | 365 00 |
| D. W. Call, No. 5. | 105 37 |
| P. Garrity, “ 6, | 100 00 |
| N. M. Gage, “ 8, | 98 45 |
| Jonathan Taylor, No. 9. | 91 34 |
| Alexis Proctor, “ 10, | 1,581 51 |
| “ “ special tax. | 4,125 74 |
| | 5707 25 |
| L. M. Gerrish, No. 11, | 106 00 |
| Samuel Héath, “ 12, | 37 19 |
| A. Gile, special tax for repairs. | 29 70 |
| | 8,235 18 |

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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|---------------------|---------|
| Paid Wm. T. Savage, | \$36 50 |
| O. J. Wait. | 24 00 |
| | 60 50 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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|-------------------------|----------|
| 1871. | |
| Paid James Boyd & Co., | \$307 13 |
| J. E. Scribner, plank, | 1 05 |
| C. W. Sleeper, repairs, | 1 90 |
| S. E. Bickford, | 14 00 |

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|----------------------------|-------|
| Pay roll Engine Co. No. 3, | 85 00 |
| " " " " 1, | 95 25 |
| L. Richardson & Co.. | 78 |

1872.

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| A. G. Morrison, floorboards, | 17 27 |
| Hnnt & Twitchell, | 23 30 |
| H. Piper, labor on Engine house, | 14 00 |
| W. Aiken, repairing Engine. | 6 00 |
| C. & E. C. Stone, oil, Engine, 1, | 5 00 |
| S. E. Bickford, repairs on " 3, | 7 78 |
| H. Fifield, oiling hose, | 3 50 |
| Chase & Co., nails for Engine house, | 2 46 |
| Sleeper & Paige, window for " " | 2 75 |
| A. M. Stewart, repairs &c., | 24 25 |
| Daniel Osgood, rep'g reservoirs. | 4 75 |
| O. B. Davis, " " | 43 02 |
| Burleigh Bros., rope. | 1 60 |

 \$660 79

REPUBLICAN BRIDGE.

1871

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|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Paid Hiram Fellows, freight bill, | \$2 00 |
| Barnard & Sanborn, Insurance, | 40 00 |
| A. G. Morrison, | 31 28 |
| H. Fifield, lighting bridge, | 20 00 |
| S. W. Curtis, blacksmith work, | 7 75 |
| A. G. Morrison, labor, | 5 68 |
| H. Fellows, " | 22 50 |
| Robert Colby, " | 38 00 |
| L. Richardson & Co., " | 12 85 |
| Walker & Co., Iron. | 8 45 |

1872.

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| Hiram Fifield, lighting bridge, | 20 00 |
| D. Gilchrist & Co., oil for lighting bridge. | 9 35 |
| Bickford Lang, spikes, | 2 94 |
| L. Richardson & Co., oil &c.. | 5 70 |
| H. Fellows, labor. | 60 12 |

 \$286 62

NOTES AND INTEREST.

1871.

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| Paid Alexis Proctor, 3 notes and interest, | \$1,145 25 |
| Henry Burleigh, note " . . " | 591 98 |

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| Samuel Judkins, endorsement, | 112 | 00 |
| Fannie Benson, " | 9 | 00 |
| Hannah Rumsey, notes and interest, | 715 | 04 |
| Jane Sanborn, " " " | 208 | 65 |
| Alexis Proctor, " " " | 351 | 68 |
| Hiram Fellows " " " | 206 | 00 |
| Polly Eaton, " " " | 220 | 00 |
| | | ----- |
| | \$3,559 | 60 |

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

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|--|-------------|
| Paid O. B. Davis, abatement on taxes 1870, | \$364 94 |
| “ “ “ 1871, | 325 36 |
| “ Discounts “ | 611 32 |
| “ non-resident highway receipts, | 36 15 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,337 77 |
| Total receipts, “ | \$35,396 62 |
| Total disbursements, “ | \$33,233 96 |
| Cash in my hands, | \$2,162 66 |
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| | \$35,396 62 |

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXIS PROCTOR, Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF POOR FARM.

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| C. T. Call, Supt., Dr. | \$937 38 |
| To inventory, March, 1871, | |
| Bills, | 319 92 |
| " | 136 97 |
| Salary, | 175 00 |
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| | \$1,569 27 |
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| By inventory, March, 1872, | \$836 25 |
| Produce sold, | 188 07 |
| Labor off farm, | 70 00 |
| Cash from county, | 7 25 |
| Balance actual expense of farm, | 467 70 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,569 27 |

NAMES OF INMATES IN 1871-2.

John Wells, age 75, No. of weeks, 46.

| | |
|---|-----|
| Mrs. Abigail Wells, age 70, No. of weeks, | 44 |
| E. L. Merrill, age 70, No. of weeks, | 31 |
| Transient, No. of weeks, | 4 |
| | 125 |

NOTES PAYABLE.

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| 1863. Jonathan Leavitt, | \$1,500 00 |
| 1864. Sammel Jenkins, | 100 00 |
| 1865. Lydia Morrison, | 100 00 |
| Elijah Whittier, | 300 00 |
| Polly W. Eaton, | 80 00 |
| 1866. Lydia J. Morrison. | 500 00 |
| Polly W. Eaton, | 200 00 |
| Polly W. Eaton, | 150 00 |
| Hannah F. Hanscomb, | 100 00 |
| Jonathan Taylor, | 102 00 |
| 1867. Seth S. Thompson, | 100 00 |
| Olive Hutchins, | 150 00 |
| 1869. John H. Rowell, | 1,000 00 |
| J. W. Richardson, | 852 00 |
| 1870. Alfred Davis, | 600 00 |
| Simeon C. Bean, | 564 28 |
| S. D. Morrison's Heirs, | 283 70 |
| Polly W. Eaton, | 421 54 |
| Fannie A. Benson, | 150 00 |
| Susan Fuller, | 344 66 |
| Lydia Elliott, | 714 57 |
| John Collins, | 283 66 |
| Meridian Lodge No. 60, | 1,160 00 |
| 1871. Judith M. Clough, | 500 00 |
| J. W. Richardson, note of 1865, renewed, | 165 86 |
| Franklin Savings Bank, | 700 00 |
| | \$11,122 27 |
| Interest due on notes. | 1,650 61 |
| | ----- |
| Total, | \$12,772 88 |

TOWN OF FRANKLIN BALANCE SHEET.

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| Town of Franklin, Dr. | |
| To amount of notes and interest payable, | \$12,772 88 |
| Amount of bonds, | 40,000 00 |

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|----------------------------|--------|
| Due school district No. 3, | 500 00 |
| .. " " " 4, | 52 99 |
| .. " " " 5, | 14 47 |
| .. " " " 7, | 5 34 |
| .. " " " 8, | 6 61 |
| .. " " " 11, | 4 46 |
| .. W. Aiken, land damage, | 60 00 |

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| By outstanding taxes, 1868. | \$244 89 |
| " " 1871, including interest. | 2,709 65 |
| Due U. S. Bounty, 1863, | 1,440 00 |
| Bank tax, 1867, | 118 50 |
| " " 1868, | 359 75 |
| From S. Heath, note and interest, | 62 43 |
| " J. M. Fellows, note and interest, | 119 72 |
| " Town of Springfield, for L. Moody, | 407 97 |
| " S. R. Brown, balance due on stone. | 10 00 |
| " G. C. Proctor, liquor agent. | 146 70 |
| Cash in Treasury, | 2,162 66 |
| Balance, being amount of town debt, | 45,634 48 |
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| | \$53,416 75 |

Town debt reduced during the year. \$1,626.06

From the above should be deducted \$14,308.33
in State Bonds, leaving the town debt. \$31,326 15

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXIS PROCTOR, } *Selectmen*
HIRAM FELLOWS, } *of*
ALBERT G. MORRISON, } *Franklin.*

The undersigned, one of the auditors for the year ending March 1, 1872, has carefully examined the aforesaid accounts, and believes them to be correctly cast and properly vouched.

ISAAC N. BLODGETT.

FIREWARDS' REPORT.

According to the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the board of firewards or engineers of the town of Franklin submit the following report:

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The fire department consists of eight firewards or engineers and one hundred able-bodied and efficient firemen.

FIRE APPARATUS.

The fire apparatus consists of two hand fire engines. Franklin No. 1, located in the west village, is a Hunneman engine, 5 inch cylinder, with hose carriage, 350 feet leather leading hose, 24 feet suction hose, buckets, axes, belts, spanners, lanterns, rubber clothing for two leading hosemen, &c., all in good order, and Stark No. 3, located in the east village, Hunneman engine, 5 1-2 inch cylinder, hose carriage 200 feet leather, 350 feet linen leading hose, 28 feet suction hose, buckets, axes, belts, spanners, rubber clothing for two leading hosemen, &c., all in good order except the linen leading hose, which is considerably worn. Each of the engines have an engine-house appropriated to their separate use, with engine-room below, hall for meetings above, signs in front, on which are name and number.

RESERVOIRS.

The reservoir near Republican Bridge has been found difficult to keep full, and the engineers have expended a comparatively large sum on the supply pipe, owing, chiefly, to the condition of the pipe when laid down, the distance, and the short supply of water in the dry season. The reservoir near the depot is supplied by Warren Thompson. There has also been a connection made with the railroad tank, and water can be taken from it to an engine some 200 feet down either street.

EXPENSES.

Engine No. 1.

Packing and repairs,

\$6 50

Sign,

14 00

Rubber clothing,

6 39

Pay roll,

75 00

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|--------------------------------|---------|
| Pay of steward, | 10 00 |
| C. W. Sleeper, for leather, | 1 90 |
| Bill, repairs, 1870. | 10 25 |
| A. M. Stewart, repairing hose, | 24 25 |
| | — |
| | 8148 29 |

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| Engine and Engine House No. 3, | |
| Packing engine, and repairs, | \$3 25 |
| Rubber clothing, | 16 91 |
| 202 feet leading hose. | 307 13 |
| Pay roll, | 75 00 |
| Pay of steward, | 10 00 |
| A. G. Morrison, floor boards, | 17 27 |
| T. H. Piper, work on engine house, | 14 00 |
| Oil and oiling hose, | 8 50 |
| S. E. Bickford, labor and material, | 4 03 |
| Chase & Co., nails for floor, | 2 46 |
| Sleeper & Paige, window, | 2 75 |
| Burleigh Bros., rope, &c., | 1 60 |
| | — |
| | 8462 90 |

RESERVOMS.

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| O. B. Davis, laying pipe, | \$43 02 |
| J. E. Scribner, plank, | 1 05 |
| L. Richardson, material, | 78 |
| Daniel Osgood, making covers, | 4 75 |
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| | \$49 60 |

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| Total expense of fire department, | \$660 79 |
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It will be seen by referring to the foregoing statement, that a very large portion of the sum expended has been paid for leading hose for Engine No. 3, which has, heretofore, been supplied with linen hose, and which was found to be so worn as not to be reliable; also, that there has been some necessary repairs made on Engine House No. 3.

Fire.

There has been but one fire the present year, and that a small wood house, on the Row (so called). Loss, small; cause, unknown.

In conclusion, the board of engineers would say, that, although the town has two good engines, with accompanying apparatus, and two engine companies of which any town of the same size may be justly proud, we still suffer for a supply of water to extinguish fires. In many places, it is true, we can reach the river, still, there are others where water can not be had. In one place, by actual count, there are 93 buildings, including three churches, mostly dwellings, containing more than 100 families, where, in case of fire, not a drop of water could be got. In view of these facts, the board of engineers would earnestly call the attention of the town to this matter, for, however good may be the fire apparatus, and however prompt and energetic our firemen, nothing can be done without water, and plenty of it, at that.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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